

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, We hereby declare that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names; We believe we are the original and first co-inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, ANTI HEPATITIS C VIRUS ANTIBODY AND USES THEREOF, in the application filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 19 January 2001 and assigned Serial No. 09/744,176.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the instant application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119, §172 or §365 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, of any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America or of any provisional application listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

Application No.	Country	Date Filed	Priority Claimed
PCT/EP99/05173	WIPO	20 July 1999	Yes
EP 98 11 3595.7	EP	21 July 1998	Yes

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(None) (Application No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

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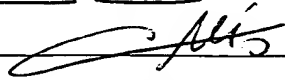
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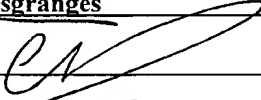
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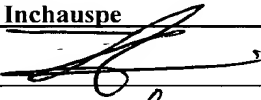
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